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THE LADY MILDRED. A LEGEND OF ROBIN HOOD.

BY GRACE GREENWOOD.

When the young Earl of Huntingdon was ward of the Abbot of St. Mary's, he went often to the Nunnery of Kirkless, under pretense of paid for until you know what you are paying his respects to his aunt Elizabeth de Stayton, the Prioress, but really to see a lovely little girl whom she had under her care. This was his cousin, the lady Mildred de Clare, who, like him, was an orphan. Lord Kyme, her father, a gallant soldier,

band's castle, little Mildred fell into the moat, and Robert saved her life at the risk of his own, she made a solemn engagement with his mother, that when Robert should become a man and Mildred a woman, they should be married, and then two lov-should be married, and then two lov-should be married, and then two lov-should be solver golders and Drinking Cups 24000 do Magie Spring 3000 Gold Tooth Picks, Crosses etc. 5000 Plain Gold Rings 5000 Chazed " " 10000 California Diamond Rigs 7500 Sets Ladies' Jewelry, Jet and Gold 6000 " " Cameo, Pearl etc. 10000 Gold Pens, Silver Ext. Holders Pencils 10000 " " and gold-extension do 5000 Silver Golders and Drinking Cups 3000 " Castors

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Sometimes he would come in morgrand indifference, lounge on a couch and play with his dog, taking no notice of his little wife, till she would begin to ery, and ask him what she had done to make him stop loving her, or, wiser, go and get him something nice to eat, when he was sure to grow good humored, and soon teaze her for more.

sed, and the cousins became orphans at nearly the same time, and each was placed under the care of a hard hearted relative. But through all trials they kept on loving each other until Robert was a brave yaung man, and Mildred a beautiful young woman. Robert could not often see his betrothed, except in the presence of his stern aunt, the Prioress, and could only talk to her thro' a screen of lattice-work. But sometimes the Prioress permitted a certain old nun to go with Mildred to meet her cousin.

Agatha was kind. She had once loved. Her lover had fallen in battle, but she still preserved a lock of his hair, with a dark red stain upon it, which she wore next her heart, and remembered her youth. So she felt for Robert and Mildred, and would leave them alone, and kneel in the next room to pray for them, while they talked in low, loving tones and smiled over pleasant plans, but oftener wept over each other's hands held thro' the lattice. Here Robert would lighten his heart of its load of care and grief, and pour out his im- PROFESSIONAL AND BUSINESS GARS patience and indignation against his hypocritical uncle, while Mildred related her sorrows, and told how her aunt warned against her lover, because he was a wild, godless young man, and therefore to be shunned. Perhaps the Prioress thought it was right, that she was only doing her duty in warning her niece; but the Abbot had reasons of his own for opposing the marriage. Lady Mildred had a large fortune; if Robert married her it would become his, if not then he, the uncle, might get it, for priests, judges and kings could be bribed in those days; and if Robert obtained Mildred's estate, it might enable him to get back his own of · which he had been wronged, and that might go hard with somebody. So the Abbot set himself to work, and with the Prioress and Robert's ene-

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